THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c). Some representations have been received in this regard.

(d) There is no proposal at present to introduce a direct train between Howrah and Ramagundam.

Electrification of Railway Route in Tamil Nadu

2911. SHRI A.G.S. RAM BABU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state :

(a) the length of rail lines that have been electrified so far in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the length of rail lines that remained to be electrified and the target fixed for 1996-97 in the State; and

(c) the time by which the pending electrification works of rail lines are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c). Out of the total of 4005 route kilometre of rail line in Tamil Nadu, 832 route kilometre have been electrified upto 31.3.96. Thre is no pending electrification works in the State of Tamil Nadu.

Air Port Building at Bhopal

2912. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) is it a fact that the airport building at Bhopal is being renovated and extended;

(b) if so, the total budget for the purpose, the amount spent so far and the likely expenditure during 1996-97;

(c) the items of work taken up in hand and the time by which the construction is likely to be completed;

(d) the length of run-way at the Bhopal airport;

(e) whether the present length is adeqaute to land an Air Bus; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The terminal Building at Bhopal airport is being expanded and midified at a cost of Rs. 448 lakhs, out of which Rs. 138.71 lakhs have already been spent. The amount earmarked for 1996-97 is Rs. 150 lakhs.

(c) The existing bulding is being expanded to provide a public concourse area of 975 sq. m. and air conditioned departure hold area of 290 sq.m. with all modern facilities to handle 125 arriving and 125 departing passengers. The work is likely to be completed by December, 1997.

(d) to (f). The length of the runway at Bhopal airport is 6700 ft and is suitable for the operation of Airbus AB-320 with load penalty.

[Translation]

Electrification of Railway Routes

2913. VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to electrify the Kota-Neemach and Kota-Beena sections in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) There is no proposal at present to electrify Kota-Nimach and Kota-Beena sections in Rajasthan.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Electrification projects are capital intensive and as such only those broad gauge routes over which the traffic density is high and the return on investment is not less than the minimum prescribed are considered for electrification. Kota-Nimach and Kota-Bina sections do not qualify for electrification at present.

Incentive Reward Scheme

2914. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is incentive reward scheme in Bokaro Steel Plant;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the scheme is being misused by the management and high officials;

(d) whether employees are being exploited by officers and management under the said scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) Yes, Sir. In order to motivate employees for higher production/ productivity, better quality and improved techno economic factors, incentive and reward schemes have been framed and implemented in Bokaro Steel Plant;

(b) *Incentive Scheme* :

The scheme is based on production performance of various installed units expressed in performance index (PI) and quality/techno-economic factors. All non-executives and executives upto E-5 grade are covered under the scheme. The incentive is paid on proportionate basis to an individual depending on actual attendance during a month. The maximum payment potential for the lowest and highest level of non-executives under the incentive scheme varies from about Rs. 430/- to Rs. 1280/- per month depending on the performance.

Reward Scheme :

The reward scheme is additional motivation for achieving month to month targets set in advance. The scheme is based on achievement of monthly production targets fixed in advance, specified in five levels for main production units (decided every month) and also on quality/techno-economic performance. The targets under this scheme are fixed with relation to the annual production plan (APP). The scheme is based on production and quality/techno-economics, and is applicable to all non-executives and executives upto E-5 level. The maximum payment potential for the lowest and highest level of non-executives under the reward scheme varies from about Rs. 250/- to Rs. 600/- per month.

(c) and (d). No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise in view of (c) & (d) above

Development of Civil Aviation Network

2915. SHRI BRAJ MOHAN RAM : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the details of proposed schemes for the development of Civil Aviation network in Bihar, West Bengal, Assam and Tripura; and

(b) the amount fixed for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b). The amount fixed for development of Civil Aviation network in Bihar is Rs. 5107 lakhs. The main schemes of development are construction of terminal building and resurfacing of runway at Patna Airport, resurfacing of runway at Ranchi Airport, development and upgradation of Gaya airport and upgradation of aeronautical and communication equipments.

The amount set aside for development of civil aviation in West Bengal is Rs. 5853 lakhs. The main schemes for development are expansion of terminal building at Calcutta airport, development of new terminal complex at Bagdogra airport, and upgradation aeronautical and communication equipments.

The outlay for development of Civil Aviation in Assam is Rs. 14297 lakhs. The major schemes for development are modification of terminal building and extension of runway at Guwhati airport, strengthening of runway and modification of terminal building at Dibrugarh airport, construction of Civil Air Terminal Complex at Tezpur airport, construction of terminal building and extension of runway pavements at Lilabari airport, expansion of terminal building at Silchar airport and upgradation of development of aeronautical communication equipments.

The amount fixed for development of civil aviation in Tripura is Rs. 3944 lakhs and the main scheme is for development and strengthening of runway and expansion of terminal building and modernisation of aeronautical and communication equipments at Agartala.

[English]

Telephone Exchanges in Country

2916. SHRI RAMSHAKAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of telephone exchanges all over the country, state-wise;

(b) the number of telephone exchange in the district Sonebhadra of Uttar Pradesh;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to connect all the development blocks with the exchanges;

(d) if so, the reasons for not providing exchanges in all the development blocks of district Sonebhadra; and

(e) the time by which all the development blocks are likely to be connected with exchanges?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The total number of telephone exchanges in the country is 21328. The State-wise break up is given in the enclosed statement.

(b) 15 (Fifteen).

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e). Exchanges are being provided as per the registered demand, progressively.

STATEMENT

Total Number of Telephone Exchanges in the Country as on 30.9.96 State-wise

1.	Andhra Pradesh	2066
2.	Assam	287
3.	Bihar	790
4.	Delhi	127
5.	Gujrat	1397
6.	Haryana	750
7.	Himachal Pradesh	549
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	223
9.	Karnataka	2037
10.	Kerala	768
11.	Madhya Pradesh	2664
12.	Maharashtra (Including Mumbai & Goa)	2609
13.	North Eastern Region (Including Arunachal Pradesh Meghalaya, Tripura, Nagaland, Mizoram, Manipur)	232
14	Orissa	713
15.	Punjab	856